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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
 Soliman, et al.
 Group Art Unit: 2128

Serial No.: 10/728,295

§ Examiner: Gebresilassie, Klibrom K.

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Title: "Method for Geomechanical § Docket No.: 2003-IP-011150U1

Fracture Modeling"

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 27, 2006

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action. The three-month shorted statutory period expired on October 27, 2006. Applicants request a two-month extension of time to extend the period for reply to December 27, 2006. This Response is therefore timely filed.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the "Listing of Claims," which begins on page 4 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.